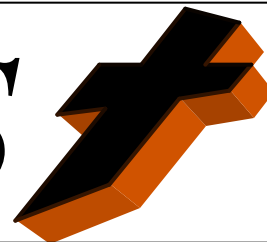


# LIFETIMES



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## *Will you be there?* **13<sup>th</sup>. Annual Walk -for-the-little-ones** **Saturday, May 10, 2003**



**10:00 am at Warinanco Park,  
Elizabeth, New Jersey ( rain or shine!)**

- **Free T-Shirt for \$150 in sponsorship**
- **Free picnic afterwards, hot dogs, soda, popcorn — it doesn't get better than this! ..well, maybe!**
- **Special prizes for most funds raised and largest youth group attending**

You gather pledges and recruit others.  
We will use your completed Walk-sheet to collect the pledges from your sponsors. It's that easy!  
Last year we saw 150 walkers raise some \$21,000 for the ministry. Free picnic to follow our 2 mile fundraising walk. A walk brochure is enclosed and more are available online ( [www.gateway.org](http://www.gateway.org) ) or by calling us at 973-399-8378.

## *Victors, not Victims!*

**Gateway evicted in Elizabeth**  
**Exciting times ahead!**

As many of you know for the past three years Gateway has been blessed to have our Elizabeth office in the same building as a well-known second-trimester abortionist, Steven Chase Brigham. We have witnessed to Steven and his staff and have kept him in our prayers.

In late 2001 we began our sonogram ministry. Since then countless babies have been saved from abortion. The Lord has used this technology to also soften the hearts of many moms to hear the Gospel message. In the Spring of 2002 Steven demanded that Gateway be evicted in exchange for his payment of back condo fees owed to the condo association. The association began litigation to remove Steven on the basis of misrepresentation. In many of his fourteen abortion mills in the northeast Steven has entered into a rental or purchase agreement without revealing that his entire 'practice' is that of abortion.

In August 2002 the association agreed to evict Gateway if Steven paid his entire back condo fees. In February, 2003 we received our official eviction notice, effective May 1st. Although we may have a legitimate reason to 'fight this' we see it as the Lord's leading for Gateway. We are actively seeking a new office in Elizabeth. Would you pray for us as we "go out" not knowing exactly where we're headed, but knowing the One who guides us?

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK...

Rev. Dean Gavaris

**Hebrews 11** speaks of faith — *"the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."* We can learn a great deal about the faith of those who took God at His Word. We need to remember what they did and what we should do: *"By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going."* **Hebrews 11:8**

We need to remember who they were and who we are in this world: *"All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth."* **Hebrews 11:13**

We need to remember that they focused on Him, not on what they used to have, so that we too may do the same: *"And indeed if they had been thinking of that {country} from which they went out, they would have had opportunity to return."*

### **Hebrews 11:15**

We need to remember what they were seeking so that we too may seek the same:

*"For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a country of their own. But as it is, they desire a better {country,} that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them."* **Hebrews 11:14 and 16.** What did they have? Faith. **Hebrews 11:35** is a pivotal verse — *"Women received {back} their dead by resurrection; and others were tortured, not accepting their release, so that they might obtain a better resurrection."* Along with conquering kingdoms, obtaining promises, escaping the edge of the sword, from weakness made strong and so on, some were tortured, mocked, scourged, imprisoned, stoned, sawn in two, tempted, left destitute wandering the earth — and some were put to death.

We at Gateway have not encountered any of those things. Being reproached for the Gospel by Steven and his staff hardly can compare to anything these 'cloud of witnesses' endured, yet, we can learn much from their faith. We are assured of great and exciting times ahead. Would you join us in praying for what the Lord has for Gateway this Spring? Would you join us in the work?

### Quotable quotes:

**"I was scared to pieces. Back then, if you had money, there were some girls who got abortions, but I couldn't deal with that idea. Oh, no. No. I knew there was somebody inside me. So I decided to keep the baby."**

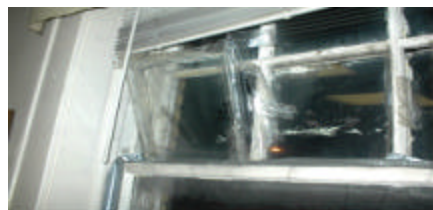


*"The Decision That Changed My Life: Keeping My Baby" by Maya Angelou*

Alisha admitted that the video *Harder Truth* was about the destruction of life. But she was determined to get an abortion because she wants to finish school. She said she has a relationship with God but does not read the Bible. Dianne spoke to her about the sanctity of life and that God has a plan for all our lives. Apparently unmoved, she left Gateway in Irvington with her mind made up to abort her baby. In the coming weeks, Dianne was unable to contact her. She sent a note, but there was no response. What a pleasant surprise when Alisha showed up at Gateway six months later to get baby clothes! She decided to keep her baby!! When Dianne asked her what changed her mind, she said,

**"The Video"! Praise God!**

**Please help Gateway to reach out with the truth that every baby is made in God's image... special... unique and worthy of life, and every mom and dad is in need of salvation through Jesus.**



Do you know someone who could help Gateway replace 3 or 4 "antique" windows in our Irvington office?

(Some things just don't last 80 years anymore!)

Have them call us at 973-399-8378

PS – We also could use a donation of 3 or 4 replacement windows!



## E-MAIL MINISTRY

### Questions People Ask:

**Aida, age 23**, from Utica, NY writes: I found out that I was pregnant in January and when I told my boyfriend about it he told me that if I keep it he's going to leave me. Well, he left me and I am all alone but I don't want to keep this child because I don't want to be a single mother. I am 12 and a half weeks pregnant."

**Diana, age 34**, from the Bronx (NY) writes "I had three abortions before and I think I'm pregnant again. I feel scared and stupid. I know the procedures already but I am having such problems dealing with it again." (She noted that she suffered from flashbacks and night terrors)

**Paula, 36** from Staten Island, NY is married with 2 small girls. She writes "I can't handle my life now so I know that I will not be able to handle another child! I have an abortion scheduled in 2 days but I am unsure of what to do."



## REAL-LIFE STORIES

Sandra walked into Gateway in Elizabeth looking for the abortion clinic. She was willing to sit down and have a talk with Joan. She told Joan that we was considering an abortion because she has two children and a job and didn't think she could manage another baby. Joan spoke to her about the Lord and she was very receptive to everything Joan had to say. Sandra stated that she believes in God but somehow she knows that is not enough. Joan shared the gospel with her and she prayed to receive Christ into her life. Praise God! Joan gave her a Bible and a list of churches in the area. At the end of their time together Sandra told Joan that she was looking for a sign from God not to have this abortion. God certainly answered her prayer!!

Ashley is 14 years of age. She came to Gateway in Irvington with her grandfather for a pregnancy test. She shared that she had an abortion this past June because she didn't think there was anyone to help. Ashley tested positive and she will keep this baby. She feels that this is her responsibility and she shouldn't kill her baby. Ashley goes to a Christian church but said she is not saved because she does "bad things." Jean shared the gospel with her and explained when you are saved God's Holy Spirit helps will help her resist the temptation to do "bad things". Ashley is expecting her baby in July.

Jasmine is 13 years of age. She came to Gateway in Irvington with her sister and a friend for a pregnancy test. Dianne showed her the video *Harder Truth*. She was heartbroken and shocked. She was very relieved that her test was negative and said she has learned her lesson.

## Reverend Clenard Childress Jr. to speak at Gateway Banquet

*Save this day*

**Thursday, October 9, 2003  
at the Westwood, in Garwood, N.J.**



CLENARD H. CHILDRESS JR.

### WHERE WE'VE BEEN AND WHERE WE'RE GOING

#### January 2003

- 15 Timothy Christian School, Piscataway  
Senior High School assembly
- 18 WFME Reports – radio interview
- 19 Grace Orthodox Presbyterian, Westfield Sunday school  
and AM service

#### February 2003

- 22 First Baptist Church, Union—Men's Prayer Breakfast

#### March 2003

- 2 Peace Temple (C.O.G.I.C.), Newark AM service
- 30 First Baptist Church, Union—AM service

#### April 2003

- 11 Newark Family Services  
"Abortion – Abstinence & You"

#### May 2003

- 10 (Saturday) - Walk-for-Life
- 17 Bethel Assembly of God Church, Bloomfield  
"Power of Christ" Day — Display from 9am to 5 pm

#### October 2003

- 9 (Thursday) – 18th Annual Stewardship Banquet



### Lives affected... January and February, 2003

	<i>Irvington</i>	<i>Elizabeth</i>	<i>Total</i>
Women seen	68	70	138
Babies Born	3	7	10
Coming to Christ	2	11	13

# PICTURE GALLERY



*Introducing  
the sonogram  
ministry of*



*Gateway Pregnancy Centers*

New GPC brochure  
highlights the need for  
additional RN's and LPN's  
to do sonograms



*Pray for the GPC Board of Directors  
for wisdom in making difficult decisions*



*Sanctity of Life Sunday –  
Peace Temple, Newark, March 2, 2003*



*Karen Baker of Grace Orthodox  
Presbyterian Church, Westfield, NJ.  
Baby Bottle Campaign,  
January 19, 2003*



*Timothy Christian School  
Dean spoke at the Senior High Assembly on  
abortion, abstinence and Christian dating. —  
January 15, 2003*



*Volunteer Training — March, 2003*

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